

Please amend the claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A surf-action game comprising:  
an inclined ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;  
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said ride surface, said nozzle being sized and configured to receive a flow of water from a source and to inject said water as a sheet flow upward onto said ride surface; and  
one or more toy surf-action figures adapted to ride and/or perform water skimming maneuvers upon said sheet flow of water and wherein at least one of said toy surf action figures comprises a control mechanism adapted to enable a play participant to actively control the location and/or orientation of the surf action figure in relation to the injected sheet flow.

2. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said inclined surface is bounded by side walls having a height above the ride surface sufficient to substantially contain the sheet flow of water thereon.

3. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said inclined surface is substantially containerless and without side walls.

4. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein the inclined surface has side edges and wherein drains, grates and/or channels are provided adjacent said side edges for allowing water to drain from the ride surface.

5. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises an elongated nozzle or series of nozzles extending substantially the width of said ride surface.

6. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises a plurality of nozzles spaced throughout the ride surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 further comprising a reservoir for containing a body of water at a desired height and an opening at the base thereof forming said nozzle.

8. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 7 wherein said reservoir is connected to said source of water.

9. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said source of water comprises a recirculating pump.

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10. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 5 wherein said source of water comprises a garden hose.

11. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 further comprising a grate or net on or adjacent the base portion of the ride surface.

12. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 11 further comprising a recovery pool disposed constantly under said grate or net.

13. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 12 wherein said source of water comprises a garden hose.

14. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one of said toy surf action figures comprises a miniature molded human figure in a surfing pose.

15. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said toy surf action figures comprise a molded figure mounted on a miniature surf board.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Amended) The surf action game of [Claim 16] Claim 1 wherein said control mechanism comprises a movable weight.

18. (Amended) The surf action game of [Claim 16] Claim 1 wherein said control mechanism comprises a magnet.

19. (Amended) The surf action game of [Claim 16] Claim 1 wherein said control mechanism comprises a radio controlled transmitter and receiver/actuator.

Claims 20–40 (Cancelled)

41. (Amended) A surf-action game comprising:

a ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;  
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said lower base portion of said ride surface, said nozzle being sized and configured to provide a flow of water upward onto said ride surface; and  
one or more surf-action figures supported by said ride surface and/or said flow of water, said one or more surf-action figures being sized and configured to ride and/or perform simulated water skimming maneuvers upon said flow of water and wherein at least one of said surf action figures comprises a control mechanism comprising a movable weight adapted to enable a play

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participant to control the location and/or orientation of the surf action figure in relation to the flow of water.

42. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said ride surface is bounded by side walls having a height sufficient to substantially contain the flow of water thereon.

43. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said ride surface is substantially containerless and without side walls.

44. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 43 wherein the ride surface has side edges and wherein drains, grates and/or channels are provided adjacent said side edges for allowing water to drain from the ride surface..

45. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises an elongated nozzle or series of nozzles extending substantially the width of said ride surface.

46. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises a plurality of nozzles spaced throughout the ride surface.

47. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one of said surf action figures comprises a miniature molded human figure in a surfing pose.

48. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein at least one of said surf action figures comprise a molded figure mounted on a miniature surf board.

49. (Amended) A surf-action game comprising:

a ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;  
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said lower base portion of said ride surface, said  
nozzle being sized and configured to provide a flow of water upward onto said ride surface; and  
one or more surf-action figures supported by said ride surface and/or said flow of water, said one  
or more surf-action figures being sized and configured to ride and/or perform simulated water  
skimming maneuvers upon said flow of water and [The surf action game of Claim 41] wherein at  
least one of said surf action figures comprises a control mechanism comprising a magnet adapted  
to enable a play participant to control the location and/or orientation of the surf action figure in  
relation to the flow of water.

50. (Cancelled).

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51. (Amended) The surf action game of [Claim 49] Claim 41 wherein said control mechanism  
further comprises a magnet.

52. (Amended) The surf action game of [Claim 49] Claim 41 wherein said control mechanism  
further comprises a radio controlled transmitter and receiver/actuator.

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